Phasing out of steam locos

269. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher there is a proposal under Government's consideration to gradually phase out steam locos and for gradual closure of steam loco sheds;

(b) if so; the year-wise targets for he past three years and achievements thereof;

(c) in case of shortfalls; the reasons therefor and action taken to expedite the process;

(d) the staff rendered surplus in each of the three years; scheme for their redeployment and actual redeployment; and

(e) year-wise financial loss due to inadequate redeployment; if any?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) The year-wise target and actual achievement of steam locos during the last three years is as under. The closure of steam loco sheds is dependent on complete phasing out of steam locos; from a particular shed:

Year	Condemnation of locos		Sheds closed
	Target	Actual	
1991-92	435	423	13
1992-93	530	767	36
1993-94	495	811	40
Total . .	1460	2001	89

(c) By and large, the comdemnation has been well above the target.

(d) Staff rendered surplus and number redeployed during the last three years is as under:

Year	Staff rendered surplus	Staff redeployed
1991-92	6777	2991
1992-93	6331	5256
1993-94	7841	6392

(e) As and when staff is rendered surplus, they are sent for training prior to redeployment or are gainfully employed in some other alternative jobs.